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1. A display device comprising:

5 a display surface portion including a light emitting area on which a plurality of light emitting devices are arranged, and a nonluminous area formed on spaces among the arranged light emitting devices on the display surface portion, said nonluminous area being formed with a nonluminous image, said nonluminous image being displayed on the nonluminous area in color; and

10 emission means for selectively causing at least one of the light emitting elements to emit light so as to display an image on the display surface portion.

15 2. A display device according to claim 1, further comprising a device body to which the light emitting elements are disposed,

wherein said display surface portion includes a front panel having a plurality of through holes, said through holes corresponding to the light emitting elements, said nonluminous area being formed on the front panel, said front panel being attached to the device body so that the through holes are opposite to the light emitting elements, respectively.

20 3. A display device according to claim 1, wherein said emission means includes means for selectively supplying a power to the at least one of the light emitting elements from a first predetermined time to a second predetermined time so that the at least one of the light emitting elements emits light only during a period between the first predetermined time and

the second predetermined time.

4. A display device according to claim 3, wherein said first predetermined time is a sunset time, and said second predetermined time is a sunrise time.

5. A display device according to claim 2, further comprising means for sensing illumination density on the front panel,

wherein said emission means includes means for selectively supplying a power to the at least one of the light emitting elements and stopping the supply of power thereto according to the sensed illumination density so that the at least one of the light emitting elements emits light during only the power being supplied thereto.

6. A display device according to claim 1, further comprising a device body to which the light emitting elements are disposed,

wherein said display surface portion includes a front panel having a plurality of through holes and a transparent seat mounted on the front panel, said through holes corresponding to the light emitting elements, said nonluminous area being formed on the transparent seat, said front panel being attached to the device body so that the through holes are opposite to the light emitting elements, respectively.

7. A display device according to claim 6, wherein said nonluminous image on the nonluminous area of the transparent seat is formed with transparent coloring matter.

8. A display device according to claim 2, wherein said device body includes supporting members for fixedly supporting the light emitting elements,

5        said nonluminous area being formed on the front panel, said front panel being attached to the supporting members of the device body so that the through holes are opposite to the light emitting elements, respectively.

9. A display device according to claim 1, wherein each of said light  
10        emitting elements is a light emitting diode.

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